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MEDICAL FACILITIES FOR POOR PEOPLE

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Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) whether the poor people, especially the minorities are not getting proper medical facilities under the National Rural Health Mission (NRHM) in the remote/backward areas of the country including Karnataka and Andhra Pradesh;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) the steps being taken to improve the medical services to the poor people in the country?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF HEALTH & FAMILY WELFARE (SHRI GHULAM NABI AZAD)

(a) No. The NRHM provides for accessible, affordable, accountable primary health care to all sections of the rural population with special focus on vulnerable groups including minorities and backward areas. NRHM mandates fully functional health care delivery system to all irrespective of caste, class or creed. Moreover guidelines relating to provision of better health care in remote and difficult areas of the country have also been sent to the States for effective implementation of the Mission in the country. The strategies include identification of difficult and inaccessible health facilities and also provision of incentives for human resources in these areas. States, including Andhra Pradesh and Karnataka, have provided for backward area plan in the Annual Programme Implementation Plan of 2010-11.

(b) Does not arise.

(c) Under NRHM several initiatives have been taken to improve the health situation of the poor in the country which inter-alia includes strengthening of health facilities through provision of drugs, manpower and equipments, provision of Mobile Medical Units and ambulance services, incentives to serve in difficult areas, accelerating the operationalisation of 24x7 PHCs and First Referral Units etc.